but no steps have been taken to remove the anomalies; and

(d) if the answers to parts (a), (b) and (c) above is be in the affirmative, what steps are proposed to increase the foreign allowance of Attaches/Registrars posted in Missions abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) It is a fact that foreign allowance of Attaches/Registrars was marginally lower than that of their immediate subordinates in some Indian Missions abroad but this anomaly has since been removed except in a couple of cases.

(b) Yes, Sir, Third Secretaries' foreign allowance is higher in order to ensure that pay plus foreign allowance is sufficient to maintain the requisite standard. However, it is not a fact that Attaches/Registrars perform the same duties as the Third Secretaries/Language Trainees. The Third Secretaries / Language Trainees are officers with representational functions whereas Attaches/ Registrars have no such reponsibilities.

(c) No written representation has been received in recent past expect one dated 6.11.1986 from IFS (B) Gazetted Officers Association.

(d) It is accepted that there should be a noticeable difference between the foreign allowance of Attaches / Registrars compared to those of their subordinates. This issue will be examined in detail when formula for fixation of foreign allowance of various categories of officials is reviewed after introduction of pay-scales recommended by Fourth Pay Commission in Indian missions abroad. For the present, revised pay-scales have not been intoduced in Indian missions abroad because the quantum of *ad-hoc* reduction in foreign allowance on introduction of new pay scales is still under consideration in consultation with the Ministry of Finance.

Pak espionage network busted in Jammu & Kashmir

782. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Pak espionage network has been busted in Jammu and Kashmir recently;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the total number of persons arrested so far in this connection and what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Enforcement of Handloom Reservation Order

783. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently asked the State Governments to ensure effective and vigorous enforcement of the Handloom Reservation Order and also to improve the production and quality of handloom products;

(b) if so, what are the details of the guidelines issued in this regard; and

(c) what help Central Government propose to render to the State Governments for this task?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In order to vigorously enforce the provisions of the Handloom Reservation Order, three Regional Offices of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms have been set up at Delhi, Pune and Coimbatore. The States have also been requested to set up such enforcement machinery which would be fully founded by the Centre during the remaining period of the 7th Five Year Plan. However, such Central assistance during the 8th Plan will be on a tapering basis by reducing 20 per cent every year so that by the terminal year of the 8th Plan the entire expenditure will be borne by the States.

A Scheme for modernisation of handlooms has been in operation since 1980-81 whereby financial assistance is given to the States for purchase/replacement/renovation of looms with matching assistance from the States. 1/3rd of this assistance is by way of grant and the remaining 2/3rd being on loan basis. The Weavers Service Centres and the Indian Institutes of Handloom technology are also engaged in upgradation of technology in the fields of weaving, processing and designing. Assistance is aslo given for setting up of pre-loom/post-loom processing houses by Handloom Development Corporations and State Apex Societies on 100 per cent loan basis from the Central Government.

Indices of wages

784. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the indices of nominal wages and real wage in the country during the years 1980-81, 1981-82, 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86; alongwith the rise or fall in real wage (in per cent) during the same period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): The latest available information about index numbers (with base 1976—100) of money earnings and real earnings for the factory and mine workers as compiled by the Labour Bureau relating to the calendar years 1980 and 1981 as well as percentage rise or fall is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

The Index Numbers of money earnings and real earnings of workers, earning less than Rs. 1,000.00 per month on base 1976—100 in manufacturing industries and mines.

Year	Index number of money earnings		Index number of real earnings	
	Factory workers	Mines workers	Factory workers	Mines @ workers
1980	137	130	104	98
1981	147	178	99	119
Per cent increase in 1981 over 1980 .	(7.3)	(36.9)	(—4.8)	(21.4)

NOTE : The figures relating to factory workers exclude those for Railway Workshops and Groups of Industries seasonal in Charter consisting of Food, Beverages, Tobacco and Construction but include Defence Installations.

@ Limit of Rs. 1,000/- per month is not applicable in the case of mine workers.